Promotional schemes are being implemented through Sports Authority of India (SAI). Efforts are also being made to provide international standard sports facilities and exposure to elite Indian sports persons within the country & abroad. Financial assistance as well as awards are given to promising sports persons, national record holders and medalists in national/international events.

(c) There is no such evidence.

(d) Does not arise.

Provision of safe drinking water

*8. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country where Government has not been able to provide safe drinking water, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide safe drinking water to the people of these villages;

(c) the total amount provided to each of the State Government for this purpose;

(d) whether the Central Government propose to take this task of safe drinking water on war footing with assistance from private sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (f) A habitation is said to be 'Not Covered' (NC) if at least 10 lpcd of safe drinking water is not available through a water source/point within a distance of 1.6 kilometres in plains and 100 metre elevation in hilly areas. The source/point may either be public or private in nature. As per the coverage status reported by the States till 24.11.2004 based on the Comprehensive Action Plan of 1999, there are 5557 'Not Covered' rural habitations in 9 States and one Union Territory, which

constitute 0.39% of all rural habitations. The State/UT wise break up of the 'Not Covered' habitations is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Number of NC Habitations
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	245
2.	Assam	301
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	678
4.	Maharashtra	346
5.	Meghalaya	13
6.	Nagaland	41
7.	Punjab	906
8.	Rajasthan	2974
9.	Uttaranchal	34
10.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	19
	TOTAL	5557

However, status of coverage keeps changing due to, *inter alia*, slippage of habitations from Fully Covered to Partially Covered/Not Covered categories, and Partially Covered to Not Covered Category, emergence of new habitations, growth in population etc.

Since water is a State subject, the responsibility for providing drinking water to the rural habitations is of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has been supplementing of efforts of the States in this regard by providing financial assistance to the States under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) as per criteria laid down in the Guidelines. During the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 1261.43 crore has been released to States/UTs till 25.11.04 under ARWSP (Normal). The details of State/UT wise allocation and funds released during 2004-05 (as on 25.11.2004), including the 9 States and one UT mentioned above, is given in the Statement (*See* below).

As regards the assistance from private sector in providing safe drinking water to all rural habitations, drinking water sources constructed by the private sector are taken into account in determining coverage status as long as water is safe, the source is of adequate capacity and is accessible to all. Further, there is no bar if the State Governments, who execute the rural drinking water supply schemes, take assistance of private sector.

Statement

State wise release position under ARWSP (Normal) during 2004-05 as on 25.11.2004

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Allocation	Release First instalment	Second instalment	Total	Addl. Assistance for drought/ Flood	Addl. Release	Grand Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13084.00	9971.50		9971.50	1724.00		11695.50
2.	Bihar	7405.00	4666.53		4666.53	1541.00		6207.53
3.	Chhattisgarh	2663.00	1680.00		1680.00			1680.00
4.	Goa	121.00	0		0.00			0.00
5.	Gujarat	6623.00	4178.00		4178.00			4178.00
6.	Haryana	1974.00	1245.00		1245.00			1245.00
7.	Himachal Pradesh	5427.00	3423.50		3423.50			3423.50
8.	J & K	12502.00	7886.50		7886.50			7886.50
9.	Jharkhand	2949.00	1859.83		1859.83			1859.83
10.	Karnataka	10046.00	6336.89		6336.89			6336.89
11.	Kerala	3946.00	2489.00		2489.00	280.00		2769.00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	7745.00	4885.50		4885.50			4885.00
13.	Maharashtra	15971.00	10075.00		10075.00			10075.00
14.	Orissa	6934.00	4374.00		4374.00			4374.00
15.	Punjab	2815.00	1776.00		1776.00			1776.00
16.	Rajasthan	20392.00	12863.35		12863.35	1200.00		14063.00
17.	Tamil Nadu	7125.00	4494.50		4494.50			4495.00
18.	Uttaranchal	3035.00	1914.50		1914.50	307.50		2222.00
19.	Uttar Pradesh	12991.00	8195.00		8195.00	464.00		8659.00
20.	West Bengal	8527.00	5379.00		5379.00			5379.00
21.	A & N Islands	5.63	0		0.00			0.00

Sl. No.	Name of State	Allocation	Release First instalment	Second instalment	Total	Addl. Assistance for drought/ Flood	Addl. Release	Grand Total
22.	Chandigarh	0	0		0.00			0.00
23.	D & N Haveli	3.75	0		0.00			0.00
24.	Daman & Diu	0	0		0.00			0.00
25.	Delhi	2.81	0		0.00			0.00
26.	Lakshadweep	0	0		0.00			0.00
27.	Pondicherry	2.81	0.00		0.00			0.00
	SUB TOTAL (A)	152290.00	97693.60	0.00	97693.60	5516.50	0.00	103210.10
28.	Arunachal Pradesh	6125.00	3340.00		3340.00	700.00		4040.00
29.	Assam	10331.00	5633.5		5633.50	181.00		5814.50
30.	Manipur	2103.00	1147.00		1147.00			1147.00
31.	Meghalaya	2422.00	1320.50		1320.50	191.87		1512.37
32.	Mizoram	1737.00	947.00		947.00	73.00		1020.00
33.	Nagaland	1782.00	971.50		971.50			971.50
34.	Sikkim	731.00	398.50		398.50			398.50
35.	Tripura	2149.00	1172.00		1172.00	16.88		1188.88
	SUB-TOTAL (B)	27380.00	14930.00	0.00	14930.00	1162.75	0.00	16092.75
	TOTAL (A) + (B)	179670.00	112623.60	0.00	112623.60	6679.25	0.00	119302.85
			Release Positon under DDP					
1.	Andhra Pradesh	676.40	371.90		371.90			371.90
2.	Gujarat	73.35	40.35		40.35			40.35
3.	Haryana	733.00	403.00		403.00			403.00
4.	Himachal Pradesh	11.20	6.20		6.20			6.20
5.	J & K	366.60	201.60		201.60			201.60
6.	Karnataka	1731.55	952.05		952.05			952.05
7.	Rajasthan	8847.90	4864.90		4864.90			4864.90
	TOTAL	12440.00	6840.00	0.00	6840.00	0.00	0.00	6840.00